

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Purpose: The Department of Public Health & Human Services (DPHHS) strives to improve and protect the health, well-being and self-reliance of all Montanans.

Authorities: MCA - Title 50.

Roles & Responsibilities:

Administration

- Activate agency operations center as the need arises. *[Coordination]*
- Update agency web-site with health related issues stemming from the incident, emergency or disaster. *[Public Information]*

Addictive & Mental Disorders Division

- Coordinate program delivery to implement the heightened level of service required to assist those affected by the incident, emergency or disaster. *[Public Health/Safety – Health, Medical & Mortuary]*
- Provide assistance and support to the Montana State Hospital in Warm Springs, the Montana Mental Health Nursing Care Center in Lewistown and the Montana Chemical Dependency Center in Butte. *[Technical Assistance]*
- Assist persons with mental illness and or substance abuse issues to access services. *[Human Service Programs]*

Child & Family Services Division

- Provide for the safety of abandoned, orphaned, abused or neglected children. *[Public Health/Safety – Health, Medical & Mortuary and Safety]*
- Assure the protection of residents, staff and others in the group home settings. *[Public Health/Safety – Safety]*

Child Support Enforcement Division

- Coordinate the implementation of the statewide call center and donations management hotlines when required. *[Human Service Programs]*

Disability Services Division

- Assists contract providers with the immediate care needs of citizens with developmental disabilities in group homes, day programs and other facilities. *[Human Service Programs]*
- Facility Safety Officer coordinates the response at the Montana Developmental Center in Boulder and Eastmont Human Services Center in Glendive. *[Coordination]*

Health Policy & Services Division

- Coordinate the implementation of the state's response to human disease incidents. [*Human Disease*]
- Serve as the lead agency for the receipt, management and further distribution of the National Pharmaceutical Stockpile. [*Pharmaceutical Stockpile*]
- Provide technical expertise to local sanitarians. [*Public Health/Safety – Health, Medical & Mortuary*]
- Provides technical expertise regarding human vaccinations, vaccine source identification and vaccination registry. [*Public Health/Safety – Health, Medical & Mortuary*]
- Provides technical expertise regarding “Acute Disease Epidemiology”. [*Human Disease; Animal Disease and Terrorism/WMD*]
- Coordinate assistance to local Emergency Medical Services (EMS) entities to include implementing the Ambulance Mobilization Plan. [*Public Health/Safety – Health, Medical & Mortuary*]
- Coordinate and provide additional mass casualty support. [*Public Health/Safety – Health, Medical & Mortuary*]
- Expedite the delivery of supplemental nutrition services as necessary to “Women & Infant Children” (WIC) program service recipients. [*Individual Assistance – Shelter & Immediate Needs*]

Human & Community Services Division

- Expedite the necessary processes to provide for efficient public assistance service delivery. [*Individual Assistance – Shelter & Immediate Needs*]
- Coordinate the implementation of the state's response to the “Food Distribution” capability. [*Individual Assistance – Food Distribution*]
- Coordinate the implementation of the state's response to the “Donations Management” capability. [*Donations Management*]

Quality Assurance Division

- Assist medical facilities with licensure issues in the event of necessary evacuations. [*Technical Assistance*]

Senior & Long-Term Care Division

- Provide information to federal, state and local jurisdictions regarding nursing homes, senior centers, homebound seniors and seniors with disabilities. [*Technical Assistance*]

- Provide support and assistance to Eastern Montana Veteran's Home in Glendive and Montana Veteran's Home in Columbia Falls. *[Technical Assistance]*

Operations & Technical Division

- Maintain and structure critical technological systems to provide dissemination of urgent health related information to local health care providers or systems. *[Public Health/Safety – Health, Medical & Mortuary]*
- Distribute additional funding received for public health issues to families or individuals impacted by disaster situations. *[Human Service Programs]*